

15. Inoculations/antiviral

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) identifies Immunization as the primary prevention strategy for influenza.

It is recommended all staff and offender/young persons receive:

- 1) seasonal 'flu inoculation and;
- 2) COVID-19 'flu inoculation when it becomes available.

Both inoculations will be available to all staff and offender/young persons on a voluntary basis.

A facility strategy regarding immunization of all staff and offender/young persons in provincial correctional facilities shall be in place. Medical Services staff shall develop an inoculation strategy with the local Regional Health Authority for initial and ongoing COVID-19 inoculations. Training for COVID-19 delivery and documentation shall be arranged in consultation with the local Regional Health Authority contact person.

Antiviral treatments (Tamiflu) are currently recommended as being prescribed as an early treatment strategy when the illness is moderate to severe. The provincial pandemic supply is intended for the treatment of the illness and is not intended for prophylaxis (prevention) unless authorized by the Regional Medical Officer of Health.



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Active screening of visitors:

- Visitors should be directed to specified checkpoints for active screening
- Screening will be performed by staff who have been trained on the screening protocol
- Active screening consists of a temperature check and a standardized questionnaire. As staff constraints and volume of visitors vary among facilities, staff may use their discretion on the order of these steps to maximize efficiency.
 - If a visitor has a temperature greater than or equal to 38°, entry to the facility will be denied.
 - If a visitor answers "yes" to any of the questions, entry to the facility will be denied.

The COVID-19 screening questionnaire should include the following questions:

- Have you experienced a new cough in the last 14 days?
- Have you experienced shortness of breath in the last 14 days?
- Have you had direct contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?
- Have you traveled internationally within the last 14 days?

Temperature checks are performed using a temporal artery thermometer or a device that has been approved for use by each facility.

- Staff should refer to the instructions on the packaging or the manufacturer's website for guidance on how to properly take a visitor's temperature, as steps vary by brand.

Visitors who have been allowed access to the facility must sign in and provide contact information, including name and phone number.

- Sign-in sheets must be kept for a minimum of 30 days.

Active screening must take place each time a visitor enters the facility.